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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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## STORES TO KEEP OPEN NIGHTS FOR SANTA

Evening Shopping Period Will Be Continued Until Night Before Christmas

Starting on Monday night, Placerville stores are remaining open for evening shopping all this week and on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The evening shopping period is especially planned for those who find it impossible to make their Christmas purchases during the regular business hours.

A check-up among merchants indicated that although there is no general agreement among them as to the closing hour, virtually all stores for which the evening shopping period is a special arrangement, will be open until 8:30 o'clock and some of them will be open until nine o'clock.

Merchants reported that Monday evening, although the storm was an agency tending to discourage shoppers, the evening shopping period afforded the opportunity for a number of "family conferences" with Santa Claus which could not have been so conveniently arranged during the regular shopping hours.

## Parole Board's Report Filed

Average Parolee Does Not Repeat In Crime, Says Summary Of Year's Work

SAN QUENTIN — A total of 2257 immediate and future date paroles were granted to San Quentin and Folsom prisoners and 2046 paroles denied by the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles during the year ending June 30, according to the annual report submitted to Governor Culbert L. Olson today by John Gee Clark, Chairman of the board.

Other members of the board are Joseph H. Stephens, Sacramento, and Frederick L. Esola, San Francisco. Mark E. Noon is secretary. The number of paroles showed a gain of 37.3 per cent over the preceding year, the report pointed out, "yet it is significant to note that the number of felony convictions in California materially decreased in the face of the increased population."

"Statistics also show definitely that the average parolee prisoner is not a crime 'repeater' but makes a sincere and earnest effort to rehabilitate himself."

The board considered 4746 cases in 1939 - 40 and in each instance the inmate personally appeared to have his sentence fixed or his parole application heard.

The report declared that unemployment hinders parole, explaining that 544 men, representing 24.1 per cent of the paroles granted, were forced to remain in prison because suitable jobs could not be found for them outside.

## Driver's Arm Broken In Monday Night Car Crash

John Blackburn, of 52 Pacific Street, suffered a broken arm and he and Miss Evon Bennett, also of Placerville, were cut and bruised when the car in which they were riding was wrecked east of Merryman's on the state highway Monday night.

The highway patrol reported the car left the road, hit a tree and turned over on its side. The injured were treated at the Sanatorium.



## Place 200,000 Under Civil Service



President Roosevelt signs the Ramspeck bill ending 10-year fight to bring the bulk of the non-policy making government jobs under civil service. The bill blankets 200,000 federal employees into the civil service. Watching the President sign are (L to R): Rep. Robert Ramspeck, of Ga., author of the bill; Senator James M. Mead, of N. Y., co-author of the bill; and Rep. Jennings Randolph of W. Va., chairman House District of Columbia committee.

## PROPOSED SPEED LAW CHANGES EXPLAINED BY COMMITTEE

Committee Would Retain Present Maximum Limits But Suggests Zoning Of State Highways To Permit Of Faster Legal Speeds In Certain Districts

SAN FRANCISCO — Proposed changes in speed regulations have been generally misunderstood, according to P. H. Ducker, chairman of the Statewide Advisory Committee on Motor Vehicle Legislation. This committee is made up of state enforcement officials and representatives of many civic organizations throughout the state interested in motor vehicle legislation.

The committee has definitely proposed retention of the present 25 and 45 mile per hour prima facie limits as the basic speed regulation in the state.

All members of the committee, as well as citizens generally, recognize that prevailing speed on desert highways and many state highways ranges between 50 and 60 miles per hour. The committee has suggested that legislation authorize the State Department of Public Works after traffic survey and investigation to zone and signpost open stretches of highways for speeds in excess of 45, but in no event exceeding 60 miles per hour.

It is further suggested that the State Department of Public Works be authorized to rezone present 25 mile per hour districts for higher speeds where the latter are customary and would be reasonable and safe.

Further, it is proposed that the State Department be authorized to reduce the 45 mile speed limit upon curves and where there is a short 45 mile district between residential or business districts.

The committee recognizes that it is impossible by blanket state law to establish exact uniform limits that are entirely reasonable and appropriate under all conditions of traffic. The proposal for zoning is to permit the signing of highways for speeds within the limits mentioned that are suitable to the particular conditions. If such zoned speeds are found to be unsafe, they can be reduced by administrative action.

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## FOOT OF SNOW ON SUMMIT, ROAD OPEN

Lake Valley Reports Six Inches At Meyers; Snow To Vicinity Of Fred's Place

| RAINFALL           |      |
|--------------------|------|
| September          | .03  |
| October            | 1.45 |
| November 2         | 1.12 |
| November 5         | .01  |
| November 6         | .38  |
| November 7         | .17  |
| December 16        | .45  |
| Dec. 17 to 2 p. m. | .98  |
| Total              | 4.59 |

The normal to Dec. 1 is 7.05 in. The normal to Jan. 1 is 13.99 inches.

The storm which came on Sunday evening and continued through Monday and until early afternoon Tuesday had raised the total precipitation in Placerville to 4.59 inches for the season of which 1.43 inches had come in the current storm.

Twin Lakes and the Echo summit reported a foot of snow and Meyers Ranger Station in Lake Valley reported six inches of snow.

The state Division of Highways office at Smith Flat reported the snowline in the vicinity of Fred's Place, and the road open to travel to Lake Valley. Chains are required.

Although the lower part of the county experienced strong winds during the night, there was no report of serious damage. Some slight interruption of telephone service in a section of Placerville was reported but service was restored during the early morning hours.

Pacific Ranger station reported a total of an inch and a half of rain for the storm up to about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Reports from Lake Valley said the storm was continuing at that hour and that the snow which was falling lightly was of a very wet type.

The official Weather Bureau forecast for the Sierra Nevada indicates a possible break in the present storm with "occasional rain tonight and Wednesday snows at high altitudes; normal temperature."

## Installation At El Dorado

Eastern Star Chapter Seats Officers For New Year Saturday Night

Officers of El Dorado Chapter No. 499, O. E. S., for the new year were installed at a meeting of the chapter on Saturday evening at the Masonic Hall at El Dorado.

John Forni was host for the evening and the installing officers were Emma Jane Hodgkin and Kenneth W. McCoy, worthy matron and worthy patron respectively for the year 1940. Adeline Strickland and Irene Scheiber, past deputy grand matrons, were the installing marshals.

The officers installed are: Mary Perschke, worthy matron; Oscar Jones, worthy patron; Frances Truscott, associate matron; Frank Truscott, associate patron; Lydia Cridge, secretary; Jane Cantrell, treasurer; Clara Scheiber, conductress; Alice Wilson, associate conductress; Viola Thompson, chaplain; Lena De Koster, marshal; Martha Forni, organist; Genevieve Cordtz, Adah; Ola Shearer, Ruth; Mary Gluyas, Esther; Viola Harvey, Martha; Emma Hodgkins, Electa; Jerome Strickland, warder, William Cantrell, sentinel.

Deputy Grand Matron Inez Veerkamp and Elizabeth Bell, worthy matron of Rose Chapter; Virginia Crall, worthy matron-elect of Natomias Chapter and Horace G. Dunn, worthy patron of Fallen Leaf Chapter were among those who attended.

A past matron's Jewel was presented to the outgoing matron by Clara Scheiber. The jewel was an unusual one and was contained in a gift box which formed a star. Mrs. Hodgkins made appropriate response.

The chapter's gift was presented by Mrs. Viola Thompson, who expressed to the retiring Worthy Matron (Continued on Page 4)

## Urges Arbitration



Accepting presidency of the American Arbitration Association, Cornelius V. Whitney, chairman of Pan-American Airways, called on Americans to help strengthen the nation's "inner defenses" by arbitration of disputes in business, government and labor instead of resorting to the courts and picket lines. He spoke in New York.

## NO FEE CARDS FOR MOTORISTS

Car License, Registration Fees Are Shown On White Slip; Due January 2nd

SACRAMENTO — Automobile owners seeking 1941 license plates will not be notified this year by postcard of the amount due in vehicle licenses and registration fees as in previous years.

The total amount due is indicated on the lower left hand side of the 1940 registration card. James M. Carter, Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, announced today it will be necessary only for the motorist to submit this card with the amount of the fee when the application is filed.

The renewal season will begin on January 2nd and end February 4th. Plates may be obtained at any branch office of the Department or authorized motor clubs.

The amount of the total fee due in 1942 will be indicated on the registration card the motorist receives for 1941.

Plates issued for 1941 will have a black background with characters in orange, a reversal of this year's color scheme.

Practically all the plates will have six characters. There will be no low or special numbers of any kind.

Persons owning motor vehicles upon which there is any question relating to title or transfer were advised by Carter to go at once to the nearest plate issuing office to determine what procedure will be necessary for them to obtain a California license. This particularly applicable to persons operating vehicles registered in other states.

## SUMMER HOMES BURGLARIES ARE INVESTIGATED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The sheriff's office has been investigating reports of burglaries in three or four summer homes in the American River canyon. Two or three homes in the Thirty-Nine Mile tract are reported to have been entered and one in the Thirty-Five Mile tract is reported to have been entered.

It is said that as far as yet determined, the loot of the thief or thieves consisted principally of foods and there are suspicions that the burglaries may have been the work of transients.

## NEW CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM TREATS RHEUMATISM, HEART DISEASE

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The State Department of Public Health today announced that a program of special care of children suffering from rheumatic fever and heart disease would be started soon after Jan. 1 in Contra Costa, Solano and Yolo counties.

The program is financed by federal social security funds and is being started in eight states and the District of Columbia along lines already established for service to crippled children.

Dr. Bertram Brown, state health director, said that any one in the three counties under 21 years of age would be eligible for diagnosis.

## BRITAIN MAY BE PREPARING FOR LARGE SCALE OFFENSIVE IN ETHIOPIA, SOMALILAND

Hitler Forces Release Of Laval In France In Dramatic But Still Obscure Situation; London Claims Nazi "Feelers" For Peace

LONDON, (UP)—Large scale British operations against Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland may be imminent, the military correspondent of the Press Association, a British news agency, said today.

Lord Snell, deputy government leader, told the House of Lords today that Germany has put forward a number of vague peace feelers since the outbreak of the war.

The air and home security ministries said today that 4,588 civilians had been killed and 6,202 injured sufficiently to require hospital treatment in German air raids on all parts of the United Kingdom during November.

### By UNITED PRESS

Adolf Hitler, acting through his agent, Otto Abetz, today moved forcefully into the dramatic — but still obscure — French situation.

His first achievement was the release from confinement of Pierre Laval, ousted French vice-premier and leading exponent of Franco-German "collaboration," possibly even to the extent of a French declaration of war on Great Britain.

Laval's release was accompanied by a revealing Nazi statement in Berlin which expressed "extraordinary interest" in Laval's dismissal and a determination to "examine the motives" behind the weekend drama in which he was succeeded as foreign minister by Pierre Etienne Flandin.

Nazis said that the events raised the question whether or not France will "continue the European policy." The "European policy" is a German euphemism employed to describe Hitler's concept of a Nazi-dominated European order.

As the drama of state moved forward in France, the British imperial force in Africa drove deeper into Libya and were reported by London to be threatening to occupy Bardia, the first important Italian base across the frontier from Egypt. (Continued on Page 4)

## Grammar School Xmas Program

Exercises Wednesday; Pupils To See Festival Thursday At High School

Pupils of the Placerville Grammar School will hold their Christmas program at the school auditorium on Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

All grades of the school will take part in the exercises, which will take the form of a musical pageant telling the Christmas story.

Parents of the school children will be welcomed in attendance at the program.

On Thursday afternoon, the grammar school pupils will go to the high school auditorium to see the matinee performances of the annual high school Christmas Festival.

Friday afternoon, pupils in the various rooms of the grammar school will hold their several "room Christmas parties" with a Christmas tree in nearly every room.

Classes will dismiss on Friday for the Christmas holiday, to resume again on Monday, January 8th.

The condition of Justice of the Peace Will G. Taylor, of Shingle, a patient at the Sanatorium for treatment of a severe cold, was reported Tuesday as improved, although it was said Mr. Taylor is still very sick.

**6 MORE DAYS to SHOP**

**CHRISTMAS SEALS**

The modern way of finding tuberculosis is to search for it among apparently well persons. Thousands of persons in this country have the disease and do not know it.



## Simple Decorative Tricks Add Tone To Yule Packages

When everyone has been checked off the Christmas gift list and presents for men, women and children are ready to be wrapped, the package designs deserve special attention so that each of the three groups will be decorated appropriately. Generally speaking, men prefer the trim, tailored designs, while women like frilly ones and children love to get packages of odd shapes or something that represents the familiar figures of their storybook world.

Some helpful suggestions along this line may be found in the new wrappings of cellophane and the clever gift package designs of this material. The crisp sheets are folded easily over the corners of the box in trim fashion by inserting a metal

ruler in the folds and creasing them. Then fasten with transparent Scotch tape.

Sure to suit masculine taste is a red wrapping which has a pattern of formalized poinsettias applied with white rayon. Red and silver ribbon of the film, tied in a flat bow, goes well with this wrapping. To make a professional looking bow, first tie it around the box and cut it off, leaving loose ends; then use another piece for the bow and tie it on with these loose ends.

Another wrapping, suitable for a man's gift, features the rayon applique in white "darning" stripes on deep blue, green and other colors.

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, AND VENICE, ITALY, ARE THE SAME DISTANCE NORTH OF THE EQUATOR

IN 1939 A BURGLAR ENTERED A HOUSE OR STORE EVERY ONE MINUTE AND FORTY SECONDS

EVEN SMALL BOYS CAN CLEAR A SIX-FOOT WALL IN THE ATHLETIC CONTESTS ON MIAS ISLAND, DUTCH EAST INDIES - THESE NAKEDS, AFTER CENTURIES OF PRACTICE, ARE PERHAPS THE GREATEST JUMPERS IN THE WORLD

### THE OLD HOME TOWN

Registered U. S. Patent Office

By STANLEY



## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- 1-Vapid
- 2-Least worthy
- 3-Trial by fire
- 4-Scold severely
- 5-Calm
- 6-Subsided
- 7-Write
- 8-Suffix on names of holidays
- 9-Remain
- 10-Youth
- 11-Lift
- 12-Unfold
- 13-Width of "er"
- 14-Write for public
- 15-Suffice: one who
- 16-Poplar
- 17-Supplies syllable
- 18-Examined
- 19-Cease
- 20-Hawaiian wreath
- 21-Consume by use
- 22-Lubricant
- 23-Markets
- 24-Animal
- 25-King of Visigoths
- 26-Hurried
- 27-Treat torally
- 28-Turkish officers

**DOWN**

- 1-Augmented
- 2-Without fat
- 3-Take food
- 4-Network
- 5-Verbal
- 6-Proportion
- 7-Imbued
- 8-Man's nickname
- 9-Citrus fruit
- 10-Deep-voiced singer
- 11-Three-toed sloth
- 12-Meadow
- 13-Chickens
- 14-Allowance for waste
- 15-Prior to
- 16-Small coin
- 17-Killed
- 18-Spoil
- 19-Shaped ideal
- 20-Settled
- 21-Always (poetic)
- 22-Simple strined instrument
- 23-Gray with age
- 24-Was the trouble
- 25-Mimickers
- 26-Revolutionaries (slang)
- 27-5280 feet
- 28-Identical
- 29-Bleak
- 30-Penny coin

## MAN'S HOBBIES GIFT GUIDE

If He Tinkers Around The House, Then Give Him A Tool Chest

It's a wise woman who knows the direction taken by the various interests of the men in her life. For in that knowledge lies the answer to every masculine gift-giving problem. There are many men who really don't give a hang about their appearance—but put a gardening gadget in their hands and they're enthusiastic little boys all over again!

Then take the fellow who would not even run out into the street if someone yelled "fire"—unless he was sartorially perfect in pajamas, robe and slippers smart in color and luxurious in quality. Those gifts which might please him most, from a wide selection of appropriate gift apparel and haberdashery.

Perhaps he hibernates all winter, just waiting for the golf course to dry out, or the tennis courts to be ready for action.

There's not much of a problem there, deciding between a new set of accurate, steel shaft golf clubs; a beautifully balanced tennis racket, or a saddle stitched sport jacket to be slipped into on the way home from course or courts.

Do rod and stream lure him? He will admire and adore the woman who gives him a reel full of the finest casting line, or a little leather kit to hold flies and spinners.

Maybe he's a bookworm, wherever he goes. Imagine his appreciation of a lightweight, canvas bookcase which can be carried easily to train or plane, and back home again.

Some men rank their cars in their affections right after their families! Then why not cater to them, by installing a brand new radio to bring information and entertainment to them en route? A defroster will make his driving safer if it's clipped to the steering wheel of the car, ready to clear the windows in frosty weather.

Gadget gifts can come in handy to subtly correct some faults any man has. An electric tie and trouser presser will remind him to keep looking well groomed. A smartly cased clock will aid and abet his being places on time. And a fountain pen and pencil set can hint that he should keep neater business records, or write home more often.

Knowing what he likes, and how he spends his time is all the clue that's needed, toward the simple solution of what to give him.

And with store selections as varied as there are, it's only a matter of minutes until a final decision can be reached as to which—of all the things he'd like to get—will make his Christmas merrier thanks to you.

## Wearable Gifts For Children

Clothing Is Practical And Often "Most Wanted" On Juvenile Xmas Lists

Not so long ago, toys were considered about the only and best Christmas gifts for children. Today, however, wearable gifts fast are becoming the "most wanted" of all Christmas gifts by youngsters.

Take your own school age daughter and son, for instance. They probably have told you already that among other things they want "something new to wear" this Christmas. Your daughter's heart may be set on a new skating jacket, skirt or possibly a new party dress or a fur-trimmed winter coat. And if your son is a sports dynamo, which he probably is, has not he been after you for a new ski suit or a leather jacket?

The stores have a big collection of wearables in stock for the children this Christmas.

For girls, all the way from 2 years up to 16, there are most enchanting party dresses, pinafores and jumpers, scores and scores of jackets and skirts for school and skating fun.

## "Silent Night" Was Written As Poem In 1818

All during the Christmas season, beautiful carols are sung and many of these carols have interesting stories behind them.

Probably no carol is known and loved so universally as the simple old folk song, Silent Night. For years its origin was unknown, but it was thought to date back centuries. A few years ago it was found this carol was produced in 1818.

The poem was written by Joseph

## S. F. Markets

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—Dairy Markets: Butter — 92 score 35; 91 score 33½; 90 score 33; 89 score 32. Cheese—Wholesale flats 18; trip-lets 17½. Eggs — Large 31½; large standards 29½; medium 28½; small 23½. Central California Eggs — Large grade A 34; medium grade A 25; small grade A 18. Nye Nissou Eggs—Large grade A 37; medium grade A, 28; small extra 25.

## Lower Truck Toll Rates On Two Bridges

SACRAMENTO, (UP)—New truck freight rates for the Antioch and Carquinez Bridges, reduced by 20 per cent, became effective Monday. The new rates were authorized at a meeting last week of the California Toll Bridge Authority.

Idaho growers expect to harvest about 985,000 tons of sugar beets this season.

Many of these fashions are direct copies of Mother's, although Mother stole the pinafore from her daughter! And there are just as many that are direct steals from big brother and big sister.

## Why Not Finish That Rumpus Room For The Holidays?

How are you coming along with the rumpus room you started in the basement when the first cool days of fall appeared? If you have a good start, why not finish it up so that the whole family can enjoy informal entertainment during the coming holiday season? Or, if you have resolved for months to do the job, then why not buckle down and really whitewash the walls and add the finishing touches?

Cordiality and plenty of fun will be enjoyed if tables for billiards, cards and ping-pong are added. On-lookers will be glad to occupy the lounge or pullup chairs which

should be plentiful. Colorful shelves filled with magazines and books will lend a homey atmosphere, appreciated especially by the one who is "dummy" in the contract game.

The basement living room will not require much work on mother's part, either, if she uses smartly flowered chintz or oil cloth curtains at the window and linoleum on the floor which requires just a whisk to keep it clean.

The light does not have to be bright enough to show up the furniture pipes but enough lamps should be provided for the comfort of the athletes, the conversationalists, the readers and bridge addicts.

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## SUNSHINE JANITOR SERVICE

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Inside Cleaning  
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## PROPOSED SPEED LAW CHANGES EXPLAINED BY COMMITTEE

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applied said limit rather strictly. During the past year several courts have given the prima facie principle a very liberal application. In several instances charges against motorists have been dismissed for speeds of 70 and 75 miles per hour.

The advisory committee is strongly opposed to such speeds and has suggested that the law declare a maximum speed which shall not in any event be more than 65 miles per hour at any time or place under any conditions. It is suggested that such top speed, to be determined by the legislature, shall be an absolute maximum.

The recommendations of the Advisory Committee will be submitted to the Legislative Motor Vehicle Interim Committee, consisting of six assemblymen and three senators, who will further study and pass upon proposed revision of the speed regulations before the same are submitted to the Legislature in January.

## Mrs. Mary Gross Taken By Death On Sunday

Mrs. Mary Gross, mother of the late Nate Gross, of Fruit Ridge, and a sister of Mrs. Ephraim Richards, of this city, died on Sunday at her home at Los Angeles, according to word from that place.

Mrs. Gross had been poorly for some time past and was so enfeebled at the time of the passing of her son, in June, that she was unable to make the trip here to attend the last rites. Friends report that within recent weeks she had suffered a fall in which her hip was fractured.

In earlier years, Mrs. Gross had visited with her son and her sister here.

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"I WANT A DIVORCE," Tuesday only at the Empire, features Dick Powell as a divorce lawyer, and Mrs. Powell, whom the screen calls Joan Blondell, as his wife. Since the title is something which it would be difficult successfully to treat seriously on the movie screen, "I Want A Divorce," ala the Powells is a comedy.

## "I WANT A DIVORCE" SHOWS TUESDAY ONLY; POWELL FAMILY COMEDY

When Joan Blondell and Dick Powell get together in a comedy-drama which deals with one of those curious aftermaths of marriage—something called divorce—the result should be a motion picture full of laughs, connubial clashes and tender makings-up, of

## INFLUENZA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE HIT HALF OF TOWN RESIDENTS

ALEXANDRIA, La., (UP)—An influenza epidemic has stricken 30,000 persons in this town booming with army construction, where transients are sleeping in jails, railway waiting rooms, parked cars and tents, the board of health reported.

The normal population is only 25,000, but is has swelled to 65,000 with an influx of persons hunting jobs on the building programs at Camp Beauregard and other nearby army posts. Doctors believed many cases still were unreported, and that half the boom-town population was stricken.

Across the Red River, where 30,000 national guardsmen from Michigan and Wisconsin are stationed at Camp Beauregard, the chief surgeon reported relatively few influenza cases and attributed this to the fact that most of the men were accustomed to cold, being from the northern states, and to the fact that living conditions in the camp were far better than in town.

## BANK OF AMERICA STAFF VOTED SPECIAL XMAS SALARY BONUS

Over 9,000 staff members of the Bank of America in all parts of California will share in a special Christmas bonus approximating \$425,000 which was voted recently by the bank's board of directors.

This action was taken by the board upon recommendation of L. M. Giannini, President, who reported that all phases of the bank's operations and its earnings for this year were expected to reach an all-time high level.

The special bonus, amounting to about one-third of a month's salary, brings the total bonus payments to employees during the year to \$1,250,000, or approximately 90 per cent of a month's salary for the average employee. Employees in the higher salary brackets over \$500 per month receive slightly less.

In addition to the Christmas bonus payment to employees, a quarterly dividend of \$2,400,000 will be paid to holders of common stock on December 31, by action taken by the Board at the previous meeting. This will bring the total paid to these stockholders during the year to \$9,600,000 at the rate of \$2.40 per share.

## MARTHA MAE HANSEN TO WED STATE HIGHWAYS BRIDGE ENGINEER

The engagement of Miss Martha Mae Hansen of Davis and Roy E. Huhs of Sacramento was announced Saturday night at a buffet supper in the home of Mrs. Hazel Baker at Sacramento. Miss Jane Hansen and Mrs. William A. Mersman of Davis assisted the hostess and the bride-to-be in receiving the guests.

Miss Hansen is the daughter of Mrs. Mapleton Pierce of Davis and Placerville. She attended El Dorado county schools and was graduated from Sacramento Junior College.

Mr. Huhs is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Huhs of Dunnigan. He is a graduate of the University of California, where he was prominent in sports and a member of the Engineering society. He is now employed as a structural engineer in the bridge department of the state division of highways, in Sacramento.

Although no definite plans have been made, the couple contemplates a February marriage.

## Sam Speers Discharged As Hospital Patient

Sam Speers, who three weeks ago Friday entered Placerville Sanatorium for treatment of a blood clot on the brain, was able to leave the hospital and go to his home on Tuesday shortly after noon.

Doctors attending Mr. Speers have suggested that his recovery will be materially helped by continued rest and quiet.

Garland Darrington, of Shingle Springs, and Mildred Bell, of Roseville, are among those to whom license to wed was issued at Reno during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Boback, of El Dorado, are the parents of a son, born Monday at a hospital in Sacramento.



By Hank Towne

What to get little Walter for Christmas no longer is the number one problem of Louie Neil. In fact, anybody as lucky as Louie was the other day hadn't ought to have a number one problem. Keeping ahead of fifteen other (I was gonna say vultures but thought better of it) golfers and would-bees, to my way of thinking is more luck than good golf. However you're a mind to figure it, Neil made away with the turkey last Sunday—one stroke (net score) ahead of Bill Byrnes, and two ahead of Buster Nicks and Eddie Reeder.

So where does little Walter come in? Unless I've mis-coded the tapings on my private pipe-line, Lou is making an elaborate feathered headdress and has promised the boy a pair of drumsticks. Instead of a set of tom-toms Louie has consented to let his son beat on his (papa's) chest until unswelled to normal.

Among those got drubbed were: Ben Larson, Roy Strum, Harry Jasper, Leo Burger, Bob Patterson, M. E. Wright, A. Wilson, Ed Sayers, Buster Nicks, Ken McCoy, Ed Reeder, Bill Byrnes, Perry Tracy, Bron Smith, and Vernon Hirst, the latter here from Sacramento.

If you never shot an eagle yourself (not the bald eagle) and you never had anyone tell you how it feels, ask Bron Smith. He made one on No. 6 last Sunday. And if you don't like the way he tells it, ask Bob Patterson who clipped three off No. 8 the same day. Both holes, as you know, are par fives. That's six better than the last time I shot No. 6 and I forgot three strokes under the same oak.

## WEAR DOWN THE ENEMY, THEN SCORE—THAT'S NEBRASKA'S STRATEGY FOR ROSE BOWL MEETING WITH STANFORD

By HENRY SUPER

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, (UP)—Wear down the enemy, then score—that's the kind of football Nebraska, Big Six champions, will throw against Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

Nebraska is coached by Major "Biff" Jones who learned his football at West Point. The major's offense is built along military lines. He believes that football is a game for 22—even 33—men rather than 11. His teams stress power and more power and that was the formula for Nebraska's success this year when its only loss in nine games was to mighty Minnesota.

Nebraska has never made a trip to a bowl game in its 51 years of football and, according to Jones, this team he takes west on Dec. 19 is one without stars.

"A great bunch of boys that have the desire to play and the will to win," Jones says. "There aren't any outstanding stars on the club and the competition for each position has been keen. Perhaps those factors have made them as great as I really think they are."

The reason for Nebraska's success has been a wealth of good material, including players made-to-order for the Jones system. That, plus balance, experience and capable backs made the Cornhuskers click.

Until midway through the season, Jones practiced the two-team system with great success. Jones invariably alternated his first and second units by periods during his first three seasons at Nebraska. This year he started with the same plan, then changed in the Pittsburgh game and after that his substitutes never went in as complete units.

Whether Jones will revert to the two-unit system in the Rose Bowl is a matter of speculation. Only Jones knows—and he won't talk.

In a direct contrast to Stanford's tricky attack from a "T" formation,

Nebraska relies chiefly on the power plays with the tailback hitting off tackle and the fullback driving through the middle. Nebraska uses the single wingback most of the time and the double wing on rare occasions. The defense primarily is 6-2-2-1, although a 5-3-2-1 is sometimes used against the passing teams.

Nebraska's line averages 191 lbs. per man and only yielded three touchdowns this season. The backfield starters 189 pounds.

## Bears Visit Mexico City After Atlanta Game

BERKELEY, (UP)—Coach Leonard (Stub) Allison called his California football squad back to scrimmage after a two-week vacation while the Bears completed final examinations.

California meets Georgia Tech in a post-season game at Atlanta on Dec. 28. The Bears worked out briefly by riding bicycles under the eyes of team trainers. Allison will take 34 players on the jaunt to Atlanta, returning by way of Mexico City, departing Dec. 23.

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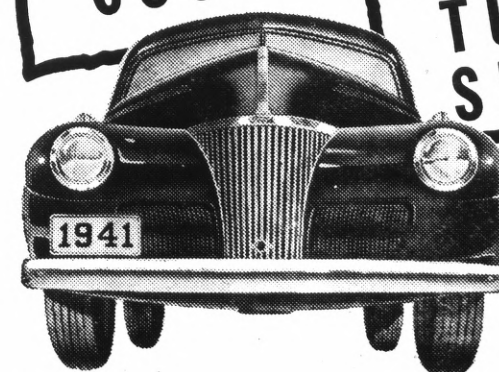
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Baseball Star Of '90s Called By Death

WORCESTER, Mass., (UP)—William R. (Billy) Hamilton, 74, Boston and Philadelphia National League outfielder of the '90s who set major league records for stolen bases and runs scored that still stand, is dead.

While playing with Philadelphia, Hamilton stole 115 bases in the 1891 season. Three years later, he scored 196 runs. Neither record ever has been threatened. The speedy Ty Cobb came closest to his base-stealing mark with 96 thefts in 1915. Babe Ruth, aided by a "rabbit ball" and home runs, only scored 177 runs in 1921.

Installation At El Dorado

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tron the chapter's appreciation of her leadership during the year.

John Fornl presented the past patron's jewel and Mr. McCoy responded expressing his thanks and said he will always cherish it and the recollections of his part as worthy patron of the chapter.

Entertainment arranged by Martha Fornl was enjoyed by all including a recitation by Sally Truscott, "Our Flag," a vocal solo by Patricia Bidstrup; a violin solo by James Truscott and accordion solos by Genevieve Cordtz. Mrs. Fornl played a piano solo during the installation of the "star points."

The newly installed worthy matron and worthy patron spoke briefly after which all retired to the banquet hall where delicious home-made cakes and coffee were served.



Today's Sport Parade

By Henry McLemore  
United Press Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, (UP) — You can count on Hollywood to be different. Everywhere else dog is man's best friend.

Out here man is dog's best friend. As proof of man's solicitude for canis four-footus, here where the stars twinkle day and night, consider the Pacific Dog Caterers Company, the Doggies Dinner Company, the Dog Town Packing Company, the Holly-Wilshire Dog Feeding Co., the Scientific Dog Feeding Company, and a dozen other similar concerns.

Suppose you come to Hollywood, bringing along with you Rover, Spot, Shep or Jeff. You would be almost certain to get a call from one of the companies mentioned asking you to allow them to cater to the whims of your dog's appetite. Say that you remembered the time Rover frightened away a burglar with a bark and decided to repay him by signing up for a daily delivery of dog delicacies.

The first move on the part of the catering company would be to send a staff pooch physician to examine your pet from bite to tail. The diagnosis complete, the doctor no doubt would recommend a diet that would brighten the coat, sharpen the teeth, and deepen the bark of old Rover. The next morning a uniformed attendant would arrive at your house in a smart delivery wagon and deliver, as if bearing a gift from Tiffany's, Rover's first meal.

It would be packed in a gay colored bowl, covered with cellophane to hold in the vitamin's A to Z and preserve the flavor and bouquet that the canine chef had worked so hard to achieve. The delivery man probably wouldn't stoop so low as to help you drag Rover out of the garbage can or from the flower bed where he was digging up a choice bone he had buried earlier in the week.

I watched this catering service in operation while visiting a movie director's home the other day, and I shook my head in bewilderment as I recalled the endless procession of dogs of my boyhood, and wondered how they managed to keep body and soul together.

To begin with, I only knew two

kinds of dogs when I was a boy. The ones you found and the ones people gave you. I was in New York three years before I discovered that anyone ever bought a dog. In my hometown there was always a litter barking within earshot and a fellow could always have the runt for the asking.

There were only two kinds of food too, when I was master of the McLemore Kennels. The first was the table scraps and the second was forage. When any of the dogs decided we weren't setting a good enough table they just quit thumping their tails on the porch and went out on their own. Between the Manleys and the Snellgroves and the Kelleys and the Varns and the Reeves they could always scout up a substantial meal.

Our dogs could always sense when the family was having something they liked. Then they would peer through the dining room windows and bay when the children asked for a second helping, knowing this would reduce their scraps. They were particularly fond of chicken bones, not knowing that chicken bones were supposed to be bad for them.

Maybe these Hollywood dogs are happier, with their balanced diets and unbalanced owners, but I have my doubts.

LABOR SAVING DIAPER IS APPRECIATED BY OHIO MOTHERS

CLEVELAND, (UP) — Cleveland mothers deluged Joseph H. Lakritz with telephone calls of congratulation on his invention of a "pinless, waterproof diaper."

Lakritz, a clothes designer for 15 years, has received his patent from Washington.

"I haven't had any calls from fathers yet and I can't understand it," he said. "I had them particularly in mind when I developed this labor-saving device."

Mrs. Allene Emanuel has returned to her work in the Selective Service headquarters following an absence of several days necessitated by a severe cold.

Britain Maps Africa Drive

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Sollum on the Egyptian side of the border was occupied, as was Fort Capuzzo, a desert outpost just opposite Italian territory.

Berlin admitted a strong British air raid on the Ruhr city of Mannheim where considerable civilian damage was reported and charged that British planes dropped bombs on Basle, Switzerland, in the course of a raid on southern Germany. Four persons were killed in the Swiss city.

In Greece Athens reported the capture of Mount Skivirik, a commanding peak four miles northeast of Chimara which was said to dominate that coastal area. There was no official Greek confirmation of Jugo-Slav reports that Chimara and Tepelini had been occupied by the Greeks.

Tom Chard, operated upon several weeks ago at Placerville Sanatorium for relief of a stomach ailment, is reported as making a satisfactory convalescence at his home.

Major Irwin E. Farrington, district co-ordinator under the Selective Service Act of 1940, was here

Tuesday from Sacramento, meeting with members of the county Selective Service board.

Leland Drew, regional supervisor for the Agricultural Conservation Association, was in Placerville Tuesday conferring with George H. Volz, secretary of the county agricultural conservation association.

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